ensure meeting the requiremnt of power by each steel plant; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA):

(a) to (d) The Plant-wise power requirement of the Public Sector Steel Plants for the year 1996-97 has been assessed as follows:

Steel Plants	Average power Requirement (MW) 1996-97	Source of Supply
(A) *SAIL PLANTS*		
Bhilai Steel Plants (BSP)	215	MPEB and Captive Generation
Durgapur Steel Plant and Alloy Steel Plant (DSP& ASP)	128	DVC and Captive Generation
Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)	160	OSEB and Captive Generation
Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL)	260	DVC and Captive Generation
Indian Iron & Steel Co. (IISCO)	28	DVC and Captive Generation
Salem Steel Plant (SSP)	11.1	TNEB
Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Limited (VISL)	30.7	KSEB and Captive Generation
(B) *RASHTRIYA ISPAT NIGAM LTD.*		
Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP)	200	APSEB and Captive Generation

Except for peak demand load and outage for maintenance of the Captive Power plant, VSP's power requirements are being fully met from its captive sources.

The power requirements of SAIL's integrated Steel Plants are met both from Captive Power Plants and Purchased power from respective utility grids.

Withdrawal of Octroi of Levy Sugar in Maharashtra

*249. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have informed the Maharashtra Government to withdraw octroi on levy sugar;

(b) if so, the reasons for the matter regarding payment towards the octroi being pressed upon by the FCI, Bombay;

(c) whether in view of the fact that the withdrawal of octroi duty is not possible, Government propose to accept the claims against octroi duty in case of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Levy sugar is sold through the Public Distribution System at lower than the market price so that it may remain affordable. The issue price of the sugar sold under PDS is the same throughout the country. To avoid distortions in this price structure, levy of local taxes and duties is discouraged and for this reason the Government has not agreed to reimbursement of octrai while fixing the margins admissible to the State nominees.

Allocation of Wheat under PDS for Maharashtra

*250. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total off-take of wheat through PDS in the State of Maharashtra during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 (month-wise);

(b) whether State Government has requested Central Government for increasing monthly allocation of wheat from the present 80,000 MTs to 1.25 lakh MTs; and

(c) if so, the details of the representation received from the State Government to improve the supply of foodgrains and immediate steps being taken to honour the State's requests?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Position about monthly allocation, offtake of wheat through Public Distribution System (PDS) of Maharashtra during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is shown in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

Statement

Allocation and Offtake of Wheat through Public Distribution System in the State of Maharashtra

('000 Tonnes)

Month	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
	Alln.	Lifting	Alln.	Lifting	Alln.	Lifting
April	80.00	36.50	80.00	32.90	100.00	57.30
May	80.00	24.00	80.00	25.90	100.00	51.90
June	80.00	24.90	80.00	19.20	100.00	47.90
July	80.00	23.20	80.00	27.70	100.00	35.10
August	80.00	25.50	80.00	31.80	100.00	53.80
Sept.	80.00	33.50	80.00	38.30	100.00	57.00
Oct.	80.00	55.30	80.00	37.80	100.00	46.10
Nov.	80.00	59.70	80.00	35.60	80.00	43.40
Dec.	80.00	64.20	80.00	40.80	80.00	40.10
Jan	80.00	72.00	80.00	53.70	80.00	72.50
Feb.	80.00	68.20	80.00	66.70	80.00	52.30
Mar.	80.00	41.50	80.00	53.20	80.00	56.60
Total	960.00	528.50	960.0	463.60	1100.00	610.60